

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application .

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) ~~Articulated~~ An articulated suspension device, in particular for monitor support systems, comprising a suspension part (1) having an end (1'') with a part-spherical external profile, a connecting part (5) suspended on the suspension part (1), a sliding part disposed between the suspension part (1) and the connecting part (5) and the enabling a sliding rotational and tilting movement of the connecting part (5) relative to the suspension part (1),

~~characterized in~~

~~that~~ wherein the sliding part is an annular sliding band (7), which has a constant thickness and the internal profile of which corresponds to the spherical external profile of the end (1'') of the suspension part (1), and that the connecting part (5) has an end (5') with a part-spherical internal profile, which corresponds to a spherical external profile of the annular sliding band (7).

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Articulated~~ The articulated suspension device according to claim 1,

~~characterized in~~

~~that~~ wherein the suspension part (1) outside of the part-spherical end (1'') has a cylindrical shape and the connecting part outside of its part-spherical end has a hollow cylindrical shape.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Articulated~~ The articulated suspension device according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
characterized in
~~that~~ wherein the suspension of the connecting part (5) on the suspension part (1) is effected by supporting the annular sliding band (7), which is fastened to the spherical end (5'') of the connecting part (5), on the spherical end (1''') of the suspension part (1).
4. (Currently Amended) ~~Articulated~~ The articulated suspension device according to one of claims 1 to 3,
characterized in
~~that~~ claim 1, wherein the articulated suspension in three degrees of freedom is effected by a rotational and tilting movement of the annular sliding band (7) along the spherically curved surface of the end (1''') of the suspension part (1).
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Articulated~~ The articulated suspension device according to one of claims 1 to 4,
characterized in
~~that~~ claim 1, wherein for fastening a support system to the connecting part (5) below the spherical end (5'') thereof a plurality of bores (6) are provided.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~Articulated~~ The articulated suspension device according to one of claims 1 to 5,

~~characterized in~~

that claim 1, wherein for covering a slot aperture (8) produced by the articulated suspension between the suspension part (4) and the connecting part (5) an enclosure (9) is provided, which covers the slot aperture (8) in a close-fitting manner and so as to comprehend all joint-position-dependent slot aperture widths.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Articulated~~ The articulated suspension device according to claim 6,

~~characterized in~~

that wherein the enclosure (9) comprises a hollow cylindrical portion (9') and an adjoining hollow spherical-segment-shaped portion (9'') of an, in both portions, constant and thin wall thickness, and the internal diameter of the hollow cylindrical portion (9') corresponds to the minimum external diameter of the suspension part (4), and the internal diameter of the hollow spherical-segment-shaped portion (9'') corresponds to the, by a specific amount, enlarged spherically profiled external diameter of the connecting part (5).

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Articulated~~ The articulated suspension device according to claim 6 ~~or 7~~,

~~characterized in~~

that wherein the enclosure (9) in the hollow cylindrical portion (9') is fastened by at least one connection (40) to the suspension part (4) in the region of minimum external diameter thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Articulated~~ The articulated suspension device according to claim 7,

~~characterized in~~

~~that~~ wherein a restriction of the range of rotation of the connecting part (5) relative to the angular position of suspension part (1) occurs.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Articulated~~ The articulated suspension device according to claim 9,

~~characterized in~~

~~that~~ wherein on the inner side of the hollow spherical-segment-shaped portion (9'') of the enclosure a rib (11) is fastened, the height of which is smaller than the clearance between enclosure (9) and the connecting part (5), and at the same time on the outer sides of the connecting part (5) in the region of the spherical end (5'') thereof a further rib (12) is fastened, which is likewise smaller than the clearance between enclosure (9) and connecting part (5), wherein the ribs (11, 12) mutually block after the 360° relative movement of the connecting part (5) relative to the suspension part (1).